REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The office action is silent on the status of claims 29-47. Since these claims have not been rejected, the above amendments place those claims in independent/allowable form and simplify issues on Appeal. No new matter has been added. Entry and allowance are requested.

Since Applicant has presented a novel, unique and nonobvious invention, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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